

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim
Defendant,

v.

OMILIA NATURAL LANGUAGE
SOLUTIONS, LTD.,

Defendant and Counterclaim
Plaintiff

Case No. 1:19-CV-11438-PBS

**OMILIA NATURAL LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS, LTD.’S
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO IMPOUND**

Defendant and Counterclaim Plaintiff Omilia Natural Language Solutions, Ltd. (“Omilia”) hereby moves pursuant to L.R., D. Mass. 7.2 for entry of an order authorizing Omilia to file under seal the following document:

- Omilia Natural Language Solutions, Ltd.’s Third Supplemental Preliminary Non-Infringement and Invalidity Contentions Pursuant to L.R., D. Mass. 16(d)(4) (“Third Supplemental Contentions”).

As the grounds for this motion, Omilia states the following:

1. On February 7, 2020 this Court entered the Stipulated Protective order for Litigation Involving Highly Sensitive Confidential Information and/or Trade Secrets (“Protective Order”). Dkt. No. 59.

2. Section 15.4 of the Protective Order provides that any party seeking to file “Protected Material” under seal “must comply with the Court’s Standing Order.” “Protected Material” is defined in the Protective Order as any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is

designated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.” Moreover, “Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue.”

3. The Third Supplemental Contentions consist of, describe, or refer to material that is “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.”

4. The discussion in the Third Supplemental Contentions are “extremely sensitive ‘CONFIDENTIAL’ information or Items, disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.” *See* Protective Order § 2.9. “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items is information that qualifies for protection under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c). *See* Protective Order at § 2.3.

5. By designating information “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” Omilia has indicated that the information is “extremely sensitive and represents computer code and associated comments and revision histories, formulas, engineering specifications.... Disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.” *Id.* at § 2.10.

6. “A party seeking to file a document under seal must demonstrate that ‘good cause’ exists to do so.” *Dunkin Donuts Franchised Restaurants, LLC v. Agawam Donuts, Inc.*, No. CIV.A. 07-11444-RWZ, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10542, at *1 (D. Mass. Feb. 13, 2008). There is a long standing presumption in the public’s right to access court documents. *See, e.g., Nixon v. Warner Communications, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). What is good cause depends on the circumstances of the filing, for instance there is no public right of access to unfiled discovery documents. *Seattle Times Co. v. Rhinehart*, 467 U.S. 20, 32-36 (1984). The presumption of public

access may be overcome if the filing is related to issues that are not traditionally guaranteed the right of public access, like motions about discovery matters. *See Anderson v. Cryovac, Inc.*, 805 F.2d 1, 13 (1st Cir. 1986) (“There is no tradition of public access to discovery, and requiring a trial court to scrutinize carefully public claims of access would be incongruous with the goals of the discovery process”). The existence of trade secret or sensitive competitive business information can overcome a presumption of public access. *See Nixon*, 435 U.S. at 598; *see also Baxter Int’l, Inc. v. Abbott Labs.*, 297 F.3d 544, 547 (7th Cir. 2002) (listing trade secrets, privilege, and information required by statute to be kept secret as permissible bases to seal documents).

7. Omilia requests that an impounding Order be issued and that it remain in effect until such time that it be lifted by further order of the Court, and that following the post-impoundment period, the document be returned to Omilia’s custody.

8. Omilia’s counsel conferred with counsel for Nuance regarding this motion, and Nuance’s counsel stated that it does not oppose Omilia’s Motion to Impound.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to L.R., D. Mass. 7.2 and the Stipulated Protective Order, Omilia respectfully requests that this Court enter an order granting leave to file under seal and impounding the documents and information described above until further order of the Court. In the event this Court has not previously ordered otherwise, Omilia’s submission should be returned to its undersigned counsel upon resolution of this matter.

Dated: January 28, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(2) CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the parties conferred on January 27 and 28, 2021 on this motion and Nuance Communications Inc. indicated it did not oppose this motion.

/s/ Daniel S. Sternberg
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served on January 28, 2021, with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5.4 (c).

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